

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A circular knitting machine comprising sinkers mounted in an inclined manner relative to a horizontal surface of a deck of the machine and movable in sinker troughs, for positioning yarn laps and yarn feeding plates without being hit by the sinkers, wherein:

each of the sinkers has a nose section, a ~~belly~~throat section ~~connecting having one end forming a first end surface which is connected to one end of the nose section, and a throat-belly section connecting having a second end surface which is connected to another end of the nose throat section, the throat section having one side forming a first end surface, the belly section having an inclined second end surface, wherein the first end surface being is horizontal when the sinker is mounted in the sinker trough in the inclined manner for holding the yarn laps at a horizontal high spot through the nose section, and wherein the second end surface is inclined relative to the horizontal surface of the deck of the machine; and~~

the yarn feeding plate has a dodging edge, the dodging edge being formed on one distal end in a shape according which corresponds to a movement track of the sinker, the dodging edge and having a slant-slanted surface on a front end to avoid hitting the sinker during moving movement of the sinker in the sinker trough in an inclined manner.

2. (Currently Amended) The circular knitting machine of claim 1, wherein the dodging edge is an irregular and continuous curve surface. ~~The circular knitting machine of claim 1, wherein the nose section has a bracing point for positioning the yarn laps.~~

3. (New) The circular knitting machine of claim 1, wherein the nose section has a bracing point for positioning the yarn laps.